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(all of the following items are copies if not mentioned different)

1. AHC QI, QII

2. " Deutsches Reich Fremdenpass" issued on 3/7/1939 to S. Sobe (passport for strangers)

3. A " Steuerliche Unbedenklichkeitserklaerung" issued to s. Sobe by Finanzamt Brigitenau in Vienna on 03/03/1939

4. An " Affidavit in lieu of passport", issued to s. Sobe by William l. Peck, Consul of the United States of America in Marseille, France on 5/22/1941

5. S. Sobe's Birth certificate, issued by the " israelitische Kultusgemeinde Wien" on 04/08/1997

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THE AUSTRIAN HERITAGE COLLECTION AT THE LEO BAECK INSTITUTE

AUSTRIAN-JEWISH IMMIGRANTS IN THE USA

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Name: Suzanne (First Name) . (Middle Name) Sobe (Last Name)

Occupation in US: Office Clerk

Date of Birth: Nov. 2, 1929 (Month Day Year) **Place of Birth:** Vienna, Austria (City Country)

Prewar Address: 47 Kleistergasse, Wien, Austria (Street (District, if in Vienna) City Country)

Prewar Name: Suzanne Sobe **Maiden Name:**

1. Education/Occupation(s) *(please if possible, indicate institutions and year when entered/left)*
Graduated from Easton Sr. High School, 1948

2. Were you affiliated with any kind of organization (Youth, Zionist, Political, etc.)? If so, did you have any specific function?

3. Were you arrested and/or interned? *(please indicate where and when)* No, never

4. What was your route of emigration? *(please indicate places and dates of stay)*
From Vienna to Montpelier, France

5. May we contact you again with a more detailed follow-up questionnaire? *(please circle)* (Yes) / No

6. Do you have any documents, such as photographs, letters, diaries, all kinds of manuscripts, etc., that would be appropriate for the archives of the LBI? Yes / No

If necessary please use additional sheets. Thank you!

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We kindly ask you to answer the following questions in as much detail as possible, either in English or in German. If you need more space, please feel free to use additional sheets. If you don't know the answer to certain questions or don't want to answer for any reason, just go on to the next question.

NAME: Suzanne Sobe **DATE:** 2-28-03

1. BEFORE MARCH 1938

1.1 Please describe your parental home.
(Did you live in an apartment or in a house? How many people lived there with you? Did you have servants? What language(s) were spoken in the household?)

I, Suzanne Sobe, resided with my parents in an apartment. Outside the apartment was a courtyard.

1.2 Please tell us about your neighborhood (District in Vienna or area).
(What ethnic groups lived there? Religious life? Relationships between Jews and non-Jews? Relationships with neighbors?)

We kept to ourselves. I remember living near a school.

1.3 What religious tradition existed in your family?
(Did you keep kosher, go to synagogue, observe holidays, etc.?)

My parents were very religious.
My mother wore a (Sheitle) (wig).
My father prayed every ~~day~~ mornings.
He wore a gold shawl around his shoulders.
There's a name for that, but I forgot.

1.4 Please, tell us about your friends and acquaintances ?
(Were they mostly Jewish or non-Jewish? Did you have any close non-Jewish friends?)

NO friends.

1.5 Were you affiliated with any political, social or religious organization?
(Youth Organizations, Zionist Organizations, Political Parties, other organizations)
If so, did you have any specific function? NO

1.6 Did you or your family encounter any anti-Semitism in Austria before March 1938?
(If so, please give details.)

If we did, I do not remember

1.7 What was your/ your family's reaction to Hitler's rise to power in Germany in 1933 and to Nazi activity in Austria in the early thirties? Did you/ they feel threatened by these events?

My parents never discussed the situation at that time.

2. FROM MARCH 1938 TO EMIGRATION - FROM EUROPE TO AMERICA

2.1 How was your time spent during and after the "Anschluss"? What was the impact of the "Anschluss" on you personally?
(Were you expelled from school/university? Did you or somebody in your family lose your/ their jobs? Were your apartments/houses looted? Were you (or members of your family) persecuted? Were you/ they forced to scrub the streets?)

The only thing I remember is, my parents put me on the train. The next thing I remember I came to Montpelier, France. I stayed there at the Chateau (castle) Montpelier for 2 years.
P.S. I still have my German passport, with the swastiks on the outside. - (1939)

2.2 How did non-Jewish friends, colleagues, schoolmates, neighbors, etc. behave toward you and your family?

Do not remember.

2.3 Could you please decribe your recollections of November 9th, 1938, the so-called „Reichs-Kristallnacht" (in case you still were in Austria at that time)

Do not remember.

2.4 Were you or any members of your family arrested? Sent to a camp?
(If so, please give details.)

After arriving in the U.S.A., I heard my parents were sent to Auschwitz (Death Camp).

2.5 Can you recall the process of obtaining papers necessary for emigration?
(Did you try to obtain visas for other countries as well? Were you supported by any relief organization, by relatives or friends?)

There was an organization from Philadelphia that took care of the survivors of the war.

2.6 What happened to your (or your family's) apartments, houses, businesses and other property?

Do not know.

2.7 When did you leave Austria? (Please indicate exact date, if possible)

I think it was in 1939. Not sure.

2.8 If you did not emigrate directly to the U.S, where did you go first?
(How long did you stay there? Can you give a brief description of your experiences? Was there an immedate reason - apart from the general threat - for your emigration?)

Philadelphia, Pa. was the city they sent me to a Man, wife and daughter.

3. THE UNITED STATES

3.1 When did you arrive in the U.S.? (Please indicate exact date, if possible)

I think it was in June, 1941. Before Pearl Harbor.

3.2 Did members of your family emigrate to countries other than the U.S.?
(If so, where? Where do they live today? Are you still in contact with them?)

my cousin and his wife went to Essex, England where they lived many years. Now they live in Karmiel, Israel.

3.3 Did you serve in the U.S. Armed Forces or in any other allied army?
(If so, when did you join? What division? What was your area of operation? When were you discharged?)

N-D

3.4 Please list places and dates of residence in the U.S.
(City, State; in bigger cities, neighborhood)

I've lived in Easton, Pa. over 50 years.

3.5 Please describe your occupational situation after your arrival in the U.S.

When I arrived in the U.S. I could speak no english. Only French. I was too young to work. Only 12 yrs. old.

3.6 Did you belong to any emigrant/immigrant-related organization or cultural association? (e.g. Austrian American Federation, Austrian Forum, etc.? If so, since when?)

NO.

3.7 Do you still speak German in the USA? If so, with whom and when? How often?

I completely forgot German and French. I speak only English.

3.8 Would you call yourself religious? To what degree? What is your affiliation? Did it change?
(Do you keep kosher, go to synagogue, observe the holidays,...?)

I am not religious. I only eat foods I like.

3.9 Were your friends and acquaintances mostly German-speaking or non-German-speaking? Mainly Jewish or not?

I do not have friends, only acquaintenances.

3.10 Of what country (countries) are you a citizen? When was each citizenship granted? I am a citizen of the United States. Have the papers to prove it.

3.11 Have you ever visited Austria after the war? If so, how often?
(What did you do there? Can you recall some of your impressions during these visits? Have you ever thought of going back permanently?)

No.

4. PARTICIPATION IN OTHER ORAL HISTORY PROJECTS

4.1 Have you ever been interviewed by any other organization?
(If yes, please indicate when and by which organization?) No.

4.2 Have you ever been mentioned in any historical works?
(Holocaust-related literature, Documentary films, Exhibitions etc.) No

5. FAMILY MEMBERS

5.1 **Spouse** (Name, Maiden Name, Place/date of birth [if deceased, place/date of death], Occupation[s])

5.2 **Mother** (Name, Maiden Name, Place/date of birth [if deceased, place/date of death], Occupation[s]) Rachel Sober, deceased. Housewife.

5.3 **Father** (Name, Place/date of birth [if deceased, place/date of death], Occupation[s]) Herman Sober, Printer.

5.4 **Siblings** (Name, Maiden Name, Place/date of birth [if deceased, place/date of death], Occupation[s]) None

5.5 **Children** (Name, Maiden Name, Address [City, State, Country], Place/date of birth [if deceased, place/date of death], Occupation[s])

5.6 **Grandparents** (Name, Maiden Name, Place/date of birth, place/date of death, Occupation[s])

deceased

The Austrian Heritage Collection is always looking for people to interview.

If you know any Austrian-Jewish immigrants in the US who might be interested in participating in this project, please either ask them to contact us or write their addresses below.

Thank you very much for participating in this project.

DEUTSCHES REICH
ALLEMAGNE

Gebühr 3 RM

FREMDENPASS
PASSEPORT POUR ÉTRANGERS

Name des Paßinhabers
Nom du porteur

Susanne
Shamelz nik rekle Sobe

Der Paßinhaber
besitzt nicht die deutsche Reichsangehörigkeit
Le porteur du présent passeport n'est pas ressortissant allemand

Nr. 8788
No

A 54 (6. 36)

Dieser Paß enthält 28 Seiten
Ce passeport contient 28 pages

PERSONENBESCHREIBUNG
SIGNALEMENT

Staatsangehörigkeit: Staatlos
Nationalité:

Beruf: Schulerin
Profession:

Geburtsort: Wien
Lieu de naissance:

Geburtstag: 2. 11. 1929
Date de naissance:

Wohnsitz oder Aufenthaltsort: Wien
Domicile ou résidence:

Gestalt: mittel
Taille:

Gesicht: rundlich
Visage:

Farbe der Augen: blau
Couleur des yeux:

Farbe des Haares: rotblond
Couleur des cheveux:

Besondere Kennzeichen: /.
Signes particuliers:

Unterschrift des Inhabers
Signature du porteur

Chametznik r. Sobe
Susanne.

GELTUNGSBEREICH / GELTUNGSDAUER
VALIDITÉ DU PASSEPORT

Der Paß gilt für Inland u. Ausland
Le passeport est valable pour

Der Paß wird ungültig mit Ablauf des
Le passeport expire le 7. März 1940

falls er nicht verlängert wird.
à moins de renouvellement.

Die Rückkehr nach Deutschland wird während der Geltungsdauer des Passes gestattet).*
Le retour en Allemagne est autorisé durant la validité du présent passeport).*

Es wird hiermit bescheinigt, daß der Inhaber die durch das Lichtbild dargestellte Person ist und die darunter befindliche Unterschrift eigenhändig vollzogen hat.
Le soussigné certifie, que la photographie et la signature apposées ci-contre sont bien celles du porteur.

Wien, den / le 7. März 1939
Behörde / Autorité

Der Polizeipräsident in Wien
Abteilung II

Unterschrift / Signature J.A.

**) Der Inhaber unterliegt jedoch dem Sichtvermerkszwang.*
Toutefois le porteur est tenu à se procurer le visa d'entrée.

VERLÄNGERUNGEN
RENOUVELLEMENTS

1.
Verlängert bis ..... *einschließlich*
Renouvelé jusqu'

Wappenstempel

Deutsche Paßkontrolle
Mainz 1939
Mainz a. Rh.
Unterschrift / Signature

2.
Verlängert bis ..... *einschließlich*
Renouvelé jusqu'

Wappenstempel

....., den / le
Behörde / Autorité

Unterschrift / Signature

3.
Verlängert bis ..... *einschließlich*
Renouvelé jusqu'

Wappenstempel

....., den / le
Behörde / Autorité

Unterschrift / Signature

Finanzamt Beteiligung Wien
1. Seilerstätte 24
(Dienststelle)

Z 66
(Aktenzeichen)

3. März 1939
(Ort und Datum)

(Straße)

37
Z 66

Steuerliche Unbedenklichkeitsbescheinigung

(Gültigkeitsdauer: zwei Monate ab Ausstellung)

Gegen die Ausreise des(r) Chamitzniker v. Lobe Susanne, Schulerin
(Beruf oder Stand, Vor- und Zuname)
24 Klosterneuburgerstr. 47/47, geboren am 2. 11. 1929 in Wien,
(Wohnung)

und seiner Ehefrau ....., geborene ....., geboren am .....

in ....., und seiner Kinder ....., geboren am .....,

....., geboren am ....., geboren am .....,

habe ich keine Bedenken.

(Unterschrift)

...ng). — Staatsdruckerei Wien. (St.) 10.359 38

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AFFIDAVIT IN LIEU OF PASSPORT

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REPUBLIC OF FRANCE
DEPARTMENT OF BOUCHES DU RHONE
CITY OF MARSEILLE
CONSULATE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

SS.

May 22, 1941

Before me, William L. Peck ~~Vice~~ Consul of the United States of America, in and for the district of Marseille, France, duly commissioned and qualified, personally appeared Suzanne SOBE-CHAMETZNIK who, being duly sworn, deposes and says :

That her full name is Suzanne SOBE-CHAMETZNIK and resides at Marseille, France.

That she was born on November 2, 19[illegible] at Vienna, ~~Germany~~ Austria.

That she is single, ~~married to~~

That she is the bearer of no valid passport or other document for Austria travel to the United States because she is a refugee from ~~Germany~~.

That this affidavit has been executed to serve in lieu of a passport to allow her to proceed to the United States.

DESCRIPTION :

Height :	1'5"
Weight :	72 lbs
Hair :	blond
Eyes :	grey
Marks :	none
Complexion :	pale

Suzanne Sobe recte Chametznik
Suzanne Sobe Chametznik

Subscribed and sworn to before me this [illegible] day of [illegible], 1941.

William L. Peck
Vice Consul of the United States of America.

Service No. 6093
No Fee Prescribed.

GERMAN

Immigration Visa

6(a)(3) Quota

No. - 5713 -

dated MAY 22 1941

Issued to SUZANNE SOBE-CHAMETZKY

William Peck

American Consul

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6091 6092

Birth Certificate

REPUBLIK ÖSTERREICH

Land **Wien**

Behörde **Israelitische Kultusgemeinde**

Nummer der Eintragung 1150/1929

GEBURTSURKUNDE

Familienname	Sobe -x-
Vornamen	Susanne -x- -x-
Zeitpunkt und Ort der Geburt	2.November 1929 -x- Wien XX., Klosterneuburgerstraße 47 -x-
Geschlecht	weiblich -x-

VATER

Familienname	Sobe -x-
Vornamen	Hermann-x- -x-
Wohnort	Wien -x- -x-

MUTTER

Familienname	Sobe -x-
Vornamen	Ruchel -x- -x-
Wohnort	Wien -x- -x-

8.April 1997

(Tag der Ausstellung)

Der beeidete Matrikelführer:

(Standesbeamter)

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~~Verwaltungsabgabe S ..... entrichtet~~

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